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Vale District Planning Update for the Baker Resource Area



As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interest of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. administration.

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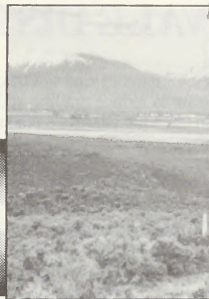
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Introduction -

This report is a summary of our progress toward implementation of the Baker Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision which was issued in July 1989. This document presents the accomplishments from July 1989 through September 1991 and those actions anticipated to be completed during the 1992 fiscal year (October 1991 through September 1992). This summary is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of all activities completed, but rather a brief status report. It is important to reference the RMP while reviewing this update. Additional copies of the RMP are available at this office.

In an effort to better inform you, the Vale District, along with three other eastern Oregon BLM districts is launching a program of enhanced public notification and involvement with this mailer.

What You Can Find In This Document

Mailers like this one will be developed on an annual basis. A flexible format will be maintained; however, you can expect to find major sections similar to those described below in each edition. Other sections will be incorporated as necessary.

NATIONAL HISTORIC OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER: This section will highlight articles concerning topics of concern or high public interest within the Baker Resource Area. This edition features an article addressing development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Flagstaff Hill directly east of Baker City, Oregon. Later editions will feature articles of interest at that particular time. This section may also be used to portray major accomplishments completed during the previous year or upcoming years.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS BY RESOURCE: This section will identify accomplishments from July 1989 through September 1991. It will also identify emphasis areas by each major resource program for Fiscal Year 1992.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC UNIT: This section will summarize the information shown in the PROGRAM EMPHASIS BY RESOURCE section; however, it will be portrayed by geographic unit as previously described in the July 1989 RMP. Some of the

accomplishments within the Geographic Units narrative overlap more than one unit and maybe listed more than once; eg. one big game outfitter guide z) permit includes portions of five geographic units and is reported in each narrative.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REGISTER: The purpose of this section is to improve public participation in the process used to analyze potential impacts of actions on the ground. This section depicts those EAs which analyze on-the-ground actions which may be completed in Fiscal Year 1992 or in future years.

VALE DISTRICT MAILING LIST: Considering the complexity of issues being addressed by the Vale District and the need to involve the public in the decision-making process, an accurate mailing list must be maintained. The purpose of this section is to allow you to identify those issues/topics of interest in which you are interested.

In summary, we hope this mailer will bring you up-to-date concerning BLM's implementation of it's land use plans. We want to make future such mailers even better and would appreciate any comments you may have regarding format, content, etc. Such comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Baker Resource Area Manager, P. O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814.

VALE DISTRICT MAILING LIST

Government Printing Office regulations require BLM to periodically verify the accuracy and need for mailing lists. We want to reduce mailing address errors and only keep those individuals and groups on our lists that are actively interested in the Vale District's resource programs and issues.

Address Verification

To maintain the accuracy of the mailing list, please print your name and address (legibly) including zip code in the space provided below. This information will be compared to existing information in the District's mailing list, which will be corrected, if necessary.

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Resource Programs/Issues

The following categories currently exist on the District's mailing list. Please circle those resource programs or issues which you would like to receive information. Should you receive other "Yearly Update" documents from the Vale District, it is necessary to send in only one mailing list insert.

Cultural - Native American Coordination
Cultural - Oregon Trail
Cultural - General

Environmental Analysis - EA Register
(refer to the EA Register section of this document.)

Fire - General
Fire - Fire Suppression

Forestry - General
Forestry - Timber Sales

Minerals - 3802 Plan of Operation
Minerals - 3809 Plan of Operation
Minerals - Grassy Mtn. Project*

Noxious Weeds - General

Planning - Resource Management Plans
Planning - Baker Yearly RMP Updates
Planning - Jordan Yearly MFP Updates
Planning - Malheur Yearly MFP Updates

Procurement - Contracting
Procurement - Small Lot Sales

Range Management - General

Recreation - General
Recreation - Off Road Vehicles
Recreation - Backcountry Byways

Special Management Areas - Research Natural Areas,
Areas of Environmental Concern, Outstanding
Natural Areas

Water Quality - General

Wilderness - General

Wild Horses - General

Wildlife - General

Wild/Scenic River - Grand Ronde River
Wild/Scenic River - Owyhee River
Wild/Scenic River - Powder River
Wild/Scenic River - Wallowa Study River
Wild/Scenic River - N. Fork Malheur River

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VALE DISTRICT

GENERAL LOCATION MAP



- BLM State Office
- ▼ BLM District Office
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- District Boundary
- - - Resource Area Boundary

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

For almost eighty years the story of America's westward expansion was written along a 2,000 mile stretch of wilderness known as the Oregon Trail. From 1812 to 1890, a steady flow of explorers, missionaries, soldiers, trappers, miners, farmers and cattlemen traveled the emigrant road seeking their fortunes on the nation's western frontier.

A few miles west of the Snake River, in what is now eastern Oregon, the pioneer travelers passed by a rocky bluff - now called Flagstaff Hill - and into the Powder River Valley below. There they passed from the harsh, arid canyons of the Snake and Burnt rivers to the fertile, green valleys of Oregon.

The segment of the Oregon Trail at Flagstaff is very much as it was in the era of overland emigration. The setting evokes much the same feeling experienced by tens of thousands of nineteenth-century pioneers. Seven miles of the Oregon National Historic Trail are visible from the Hill.

The proposal for a full-scale Oregon Trail interpretive center at Flagstaff Hill follows a long history of Oregon Trail observances and interpretation. In January 1987, officials in Baker City and Baker County, Oregon, met with local citizens to explore the future of Flagstaff Hill as an important national landmark.

In February 1987, Baker County officials commissioned a study that explored ways to tell the story of the Oregon Trail and preserve the historic route still visible near Flagstaff Hill. The study concluded that a major interpretive center was the logical means for achieving both goals.

County officials determined that the Flagstaff Hill site was an exceptional location for such a center for several reasons: it is historically significant; it is easily accessible being located only four miles east of Baker City on a state highway; it offers an exceptional panorama—little changed from pioneer days; and it is positioned overlooking a long, well preserved stretch of the Oregon Trail.

In the spring of 1987, city and county planners asked Oregon state officials and the state's congressional representatives for help to create a federally supported interpretive center.

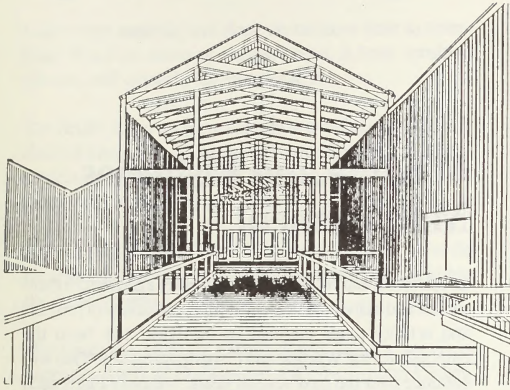
In August 1987, the county completed a preliminary planning document that proposed a full-scale interpretive center managed by BLM, with facilities and displays that offer a comprehensive exposition of the Oregon Trail era in American history. The plan won support of the Oregon congressional delegation in early 1988; the state of Oregon committed its support to the project in April, 1988. Congressional, along with State of Oregon funds, were appropriated to allow for the design and construction of the project.

The construction phase is currently underway and will be completed in the spring of 1992 enabling the facility to open on May 25, 1992. A gala grand opening ceremony is scheduled for that date.

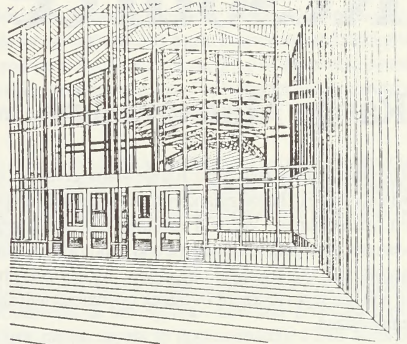
The project will consist of four main components:

- 1) An interpretive center portraying the dimensions of life on the Oregon Trail supported by a complete maintenance/curation facility.
- 2) Two "living history" displays: one creating a pioneer encampment, the second depicting a nineteenth-century mining operation.
- 3) A footpath system paralleling the Oregon Trail and offering visitors a panoramic view of the Trail route.
- 4) A series of interpretive stations and a number of observation points along the foot path system to explain sights of interest.

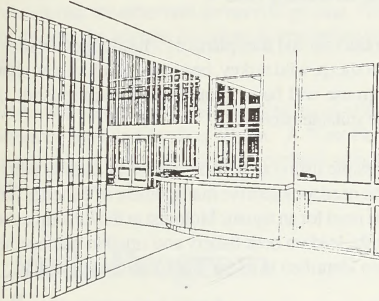
The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center complex at Flagstaff Hill will be a facility of which the Bureau of Land Management can be proud. In addition to the Oregon Trail and related themes, the facility will also tell the BLM's story. Help us welcome this most significant addition to the BLM on Memorial Day, May 25, 1992.



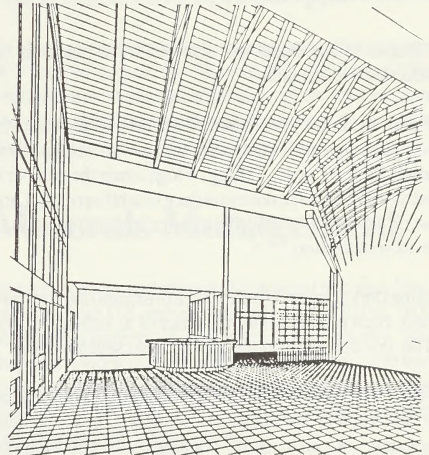
The visitor will arrive at the entrance to the center from an elevated walkway. The entire facility is barrier free.



Looking through the main entrance doors into the spacious lobby area.



Lobby and bookstore: A place to gather information and obtain educational mementos about the Oregon Trail experience.



Acknowledgement area:
Tiles permanently placed in the lobby recognize the many contributors to the Oregon Trail Center project.

Program Emphasis by Resource

Range Management

The primary emphasis of the Range Management program will continue to be rangeland enhancement with emphasis on riparian areas. We will continue modifying grazing systems, changing season of use and building exclosures to accomplish management objectives. Monitoring change in and use supervision of livestock operations will also be emphasized.

Riparian Area Management

Riparian management has involved shrub plantings and structure construction.

Part of the Dooley Mountain Wildfire Rehabilitation Plan is to plant another 9000 riparian shrubs and deciduous trees along Sutton Creek. Falling of logs along the contour of hillsides will also be done to reduce side hill erosion. Large wood debris will be placed within the stream channel to aid in its stabilization.

In the Dark Canyon Wildfire Area (instream) log structures have been placed within the channel to reduce velocity. This practice will continue for the next several years.

As part of the Morgan Creek Watershed Plan, instream structures will be placed in Morgan Creek to reduce velocity. Riparian shrub plantings will also continue. These areas along with those streams identified in the Vale District's 5 year riparian enhancement plan will be the primary emphasis.

Wildlife and Fisheries Management

Cooperating and coordinating with other agencies, organizations and individuals to begin implementations of projects and activity plans outlined in the RMP has been the emphasis for the Wildlife and Fisheries program. This will continue over the next several years. Activity Plans such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, (ACEC's), Coordinated Resource Management Plans, (CRMP) and Habitat Management Plans, (HMP's) have been and will continue to be completed in order to implement on-the-ground management projects. The Crystal Palace CRMP to enhance deer winter range was completed in FY90 and implementation was begun in FY91. Implementation will continue on existing HMP's.

Reintroduction and transplants of wildlife species such as bighorn sheep, wild turkey, beaver and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse will be accomplished on public lands that provide suitable habitat.

The possible listing of several species of salmon emphasizes the need for intensive management of fisheries habitat. The need for an aquatic biologist in the Resource Area to take the lead on both fishery and riparian management has been identified in our position management plan.

Threatened and Endangered Species Management

The Baker Resource Area participated in a 3 year cooperative project (1989-1991) to inventory bald eagle populations and winter habitat use in northeast Oregon. We will continue monitoring nesting platform use by ferruginous

hawks in the Virtue Flat area. We participated in the first reintroduction of Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in Clear Lake Ridge in Wallowa County in 1991. Reintroduction efforts will continue in 1992 and 1993.

Laboratory analysis was done on rainbow trout to determine if a pure strain of redband trout, a State sensitive species, still exists in the Powder River.

The Snake River sockeye salmon was officially listed as a Federal Endangered Species in November 1991. In cooperation with both state and federal agencies, BLM, will participate in recovery efforts for the salmon.

As part of the T & E Plants Program, we continue to do clearances of all proposed surface disturbing actions within the resource area.

Haplopappus radiatus (Snake River Golden weed) is currently listed as Endangered with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and candidate (C1) for listing as an Endangered species with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Efforts continue to map, inventory and document all *Haplopappus radiatus* locations in the District. The Baker Resource Area will continue to cooperate with the State of Oregon in a study of the effects of livestock grazing on *Haplopappus radiatus*. This study consists of 5 sets of paired plots. One half of the plots are fenced to keep livestock out, the other half are open to grazing. The study will discern the impacts of livestock grazing on this species.

Efforts will continue to locate populations of other listed species as time and funding allows. A Plant Ecologist/Botanist has been identified in the position management plan.

Lands Program Management

Emphasis in the lands program has been right-of-way processing and issuance, and unauthorized use inventory and resolution.

A total of 30 rights-of-way grants or amendments to grants were authorized. These were 11 roads, 6 communications sites, 4 electrical transmission lines, 4 telephone lines, 2 remote weather stations, and 1 each of water pipeline, water storage and irrigation ditch.

Sixty-nine suspected unauthorized use cases were resolved: 49 occupancy, 6 gravel stockpiles, 6 agricultural, 7 rights-of-way, and 1 asphalt plant. Resolution was accomplished by authorization, removal or discontinuance, or determination that the use did not exist or was located on non-federal land.

In addition to the above, three land use permits were issued, 1 each for agricultural use, a gravel crushing and stockpile site, and a portable asphalt plant. Two of these were issued to resolve unauthorized use. Field checks of four sanitary landfill sites have been made quarterly.

Case work in the coming year is expected to be similar, but with more emphasis on land exchanges. We also expect to spend additional time dealing with problems relating to the landfills.

Two easements were acquired which supported recreation improvements at the Spring Site and provided more effective public access to approximately 1,540 acres of public land. Two road easements were also acquired to provide administrative access to 200 acres of public land in the Juniper Canyon area. Access work in the coming year will be directed to supporting the forestry program in acquiring legal access for FY 92 timber sales.

Two land acquisitions have been completed. One acquired 58.7 acres to support the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker County and the other acquired 64.7 acres within the proposed South Fork of the Walla Walla River ACEC in Umatilla County.

Minerals Management

Surface management of locatable mineral resource development under U.S. mining laws (43 CFR 3802 & 3809) continues to have the highest management priority. Seventy-five notices, disturbance of 5 acres or less, have been reviewed. One plan of operation for exploration drilling was assessed and authorized. Final reclamation has been very successful at several mines.

The decision to increase compliance inspections on active mining operations to 2 or more per year has been attained due to increased funding and personnel. A total of 747 compliance inspections have been completed. Final compliance inspections or case consolidations have been completed on 183 pre-existing notices. Current operations include 173 notices and 3 plans of operation.

Mineral material resource development, primarily subsoil for fill and pit-run basalt rock for aggregate, has included one noncompetitive mineral material sale and one free use permit for a total volume of approximately 1,050 cubic yards. One mining and reclamation plan has been completed. One suspected mineral material trespass has been reported.

Previously over 100,000 acres were leased for oil and gas. During this past year, all of the remaining leases expired or were canceled. Quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sales continue to offer parcels for lease which are located within the resource area. Implementation of the RMP decisions for oil and gas by updating the automated lease stipulation system is nearly complete. No lease offers for other leasable mineral resources have been received.

One mineral potential report has been completed for an application to purchase Federal mineral estate associated with privately owned surface. Four mineral potential reports have been completed for 5 proposed withdrawals from mineral entry authorized by the ROD for the Oregon Trail and Keating geographic units. An easement was negotiated with the claimant on Flagstaff Hill which allows the development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Flagstaff Hill to continue.

Projected work load for FY 92 includes review of 30 notices and completion of 200 compliance inspections. One environmental assessment will be completed on a proposed plan of operation. Two mineral material sales with environmental reviews are anticipated. Implementation of the RMP decisions for oil and gas will be completed.

Soil, Water, Air Management

Emphasis in the Soil, Water & Air program is soil stabilization, erosion control and riparian rehabilitation. The intent is to raise water tables and increase riparian vegetation. Instream stabilization is essential to riparian expansion. Since July, 1989, 57 instream structures have been installed within 6 different geographic units in the Baker Resource Area. Also, 6 miles of willow plantings, 2 miles of grass/forb seedings and 2 miles of browse plantings along these streams.

Soil inventories have been completed on 120,000 acres of BLM lands in Baker and Wallowa Counties.

Currently, monitoring includes 1 stream gauge, 16 channel profile cross-sections, 10 rain gauges, 16 photo points on Morgan Creek and 15 erosion studies.

We have just completed extensive fire rehabilitation work on Sutton Creek. This work included grass seeding, shrub planting and stream structures including, rock gabions, wood debris and straw bales. Dead trees were contour felled on steeper slopes to help catch sediment.

Work planned for 1992 includes a riparian enhancement project on Ruckles Creek #3 enclosure, watershed enhancement on Bulldozer - Waterspout allotments, Morgan Creek Watershed Plan implementation, and Dark Canyon Riparian implementation of Burnt River HMP.

Forest Management

The Bureau of Land Management has rewritten it's policy for the management of forest vegetation on Public Lands administered by BLM under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). This policy does not apply to forest lands in western Oregon administered under the O & C Act of 1937.

The objective of the Public Domain Forests Management Policy is, "to maintain, restore, improve, harvest, and replace forest vegetation on those lands and to manage to retain desired plant communities in forms which maintain genetic, structural, and successional conditions which benefit the uses of those lands in the long run."

The current thrust of Baker Resource Area's forestry program is to treat stands, under limits of the Allowable Sale Quantity, which have become susceptible to insects, disease or fire. Highest priority is assigned to those areas which lack diversity and contain a high percentage of insect damaged white fir, Douglas fir, or lodgepole pine. The management objective would be to remove the dead, damaged, or susceptible species while retaining an adequate seed source for ponderosa pine, western larch and Douglas fir. Enough trees would be retained, including white fir or lodgepole pine if necessary, to provide vertical structure and future snags for wildlife.

The sites would generally be burned to remove fine fuels, but leave larger woody debris, and to expose soils for natural regeneration. The areas would be monitored, and if natural regeneration was inadequate within a 3-5 year period, they would be planted with species aimed at

reestablishing a diverse forested stand. In certain instances, aspen, and other "noncommercial" species would be planted to improve non-timber values.

In addition, if funds are available, plans are to continue to precommercially thin or control stocking in unaffected stands to increase resistance to insect and disease attack, and to hand plant old timber sale areas where natural regeneration is inadequate. Site preparation of previous sale areas by mechanical means or prescribed fire is also dependent on funding, which lately has become somewhat more available. There is little current emphasis on active management of woodlands, so custodial protection can be expected to occur.

Projects accomplished in the forest management program include inventory of 9,400 acres, planting of 68 acres, regeneration survey of 430 acres, issuance of firewood permits for 418 cords of firewood, sale of 20,365 feet of posts and poles, sale of 20,000 pounds of juniper boughs, prescribed burning on 236 acres, and administration of timber sales totaling 6,556 Mbf.

Fire Management

The restoration of fire to its natural role in all ecosystems across all geographic areas is the major emphasis of fire management in the Baker Resource Area. The exclusion of fire from that role for over a hundred years has resulted in massive accumulations of both natural and man caused fuels and dramatic shifts in plant communities away from desirable mid-seral stages. In FY91, we began fire history research and fuel mapping. Approximately 1,309 acres of fuel mapping and 494 acres of fire history research was accomplished by the end of the fiscal year. We plan to accomplish 3,000 acres of fuel mapping and 1,500 acres of fire history research during FY '92.

Cultural Resources Management

The emphasis in the cultural program has been support for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center project and implementation of the Oregon Trail management plan. Public awareness outreach for the Oregon Trail and archaeological resources have been implemented

through programs to schools and interest groups. In support of project proposals and Wild and Scenic River planning, 4,349 acres have been inventoried and 35 archaeological and historic sites have been documented. An agreement for coordination and consultation on cultural and other resources was developed with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Program focus for FY92 will be development of an Oregon Trail interpretive wayside on BLM lands at Echo Meadows in cooperation with the local community of Echo.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Complex

The major emphasis since 1989 has been preparing the architectural and engineering design, including contract preparation and issuance, coordinating contractor performance and preparing construction contract documents. The design contract was awarded in 1990 and remains on schedule. We have also coordinated project activities with the local community, organizing a volunteer support group and cooperating with the Oregon Trail Preservation Trust.

The construction contract was awarded in 1991 with grand opening ceremonies planned for May, 1992.

Recreation Management

The recreation program has focused on Wild and Scenic River plan development on the Grande Ronde and Powder Rivers, recreation development and maintenance at Spring Recreation Site, Grande Ronde River management, recreation maintenance at 20 recreation sites, issuance of recreation use permits and Wilderness Study reports. Sixteen public scoping meetings were held in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service on the Grande Ronde, Powder River and others. Two Ad Hoc workgroups to assist the BLM in river planning have been formed for the Grande Ronde River. One workgroup is for the Oregon segment and one for the Washington segment. The Ad Hoc members represent 18 public constituencies and agencies and have met 31 times to assist BLM in developing the draft plan. The focus for FY92 will be to provide a Wild and Scenic management plans for the Grande Ronde and Powder rivers.

The Spring Recreation Site facilities were upgraded in conjunction with State Marine Board funding. Projects completed included a new concrete boat ramp, new restrooms, 2 new parking areas, and a new access road. During FY91, floating docks were added with additional improvements.

The Snake River Reservoirs Area Management Plan will be completed by the end of FY92. An Outdoor Planner position was added - partially funded by the State Marine board to complete the draft plan. Public meetings were held to collect public concerns about the reservoirs. The draft plan will be open for public comment.

The Baker Resource Area annually issues 2 off-road-vehicle (ORV) permits, 3 Mountain Bike race permits, 1 cross country skiing permit, 4 big game guide permits.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACEC'S) Management

Five draft management plans for the ACEC's have been prepared since July 1989. Two ACEC plans will be incorporated into the Wild and Scenic River Management Plans. The remaining plans will be developed in fiscal year 92. An additional ACEC is proposed for the South Fork of the Walla Walla River. An RMP plan amendment will be completed on this during fiscal year 92. The withdrawal from mineral entry boundaries of the Keating ACEC will be revised in this document, see Table 9.

Noxious Weed Management

Some noxious weed control work has been undertaken since the RMP was published. Four weed control efforts

were proposed in 1990, and another five proposed in 1991. Of these, only two in 1990 and one in 1991 were actually completed, due predominately to the extremely dry conditions which have prevailed for the last three years. The continuation of the biological control work which was proposed in 1991 in the Grande Ronde River corridor on knapweed and in the Keating area on yellow starthistle also did not occur, due to a lack of insects, again, as a result of unusual weather conditions.

Manual control of the knapweeds, starthistle, and leafy spurge have been undertaken in the last three years in some strategically located areas, but this technique is useful only in very small infestations.

In cooperation with Umatilla county and the Oregon State Department of Agriculture, inventories for noxious weeds over the last two years have covered over a third of the Resource Area, in portions of most geographic units. This effort was hampered by the dry weather, which did not promote plant growth, and by a lack of funding.

This coming year, we will continue to inventory noxious weeds in the Resource Area, again in cooperation with other agencies and people.

We expect to issue permits to Baker County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Union Pacific Railroad which will authorize the application of herbicides on their rights-of-way. We expect to continue with the biological control of knapweed along the Grande Ronde River corridor and will again try to initiate biological control of yellow starthistle in the Keating area. We also expect to initiate small chemical control efforts on spot infestations of knapweed and leafy spurge in the Burnt River and Pedro Mountain Units, and of starthistle in some portions of the Keating Area.

In cooperation with Wallowa county the Area Staff assisted with the hay exchange program at Minam both in 1990 and 1991. This program has helped keep new infestations of weeds from sources outside of Wallowa County from becoming established.

We will continue to participate in this worthwhile program.

Accomplishments by Geographic Units

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 1

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Two new allotments were created within this geographic unit from the division of the Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment. Two additional allotments were created in the Baker Miscellaneous Geographic Unit (refer to Table 1).
- The grazing system in the new Snake River (1001) and Wells Basin (1070) allotments were changed from that historically used in the old Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment (refer to Table 2).
- One range improvement was completed in the Snake River (1001) allotment (refer to Table 3).
- Field data was collected on two allotments

1992 Workload

- Two formal allotment evaluations are scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Riparian Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 1.5 miles of willow planting, grass/forb/browse seedlings on Morgan Creek.
- Completed .5 miles willow plantings on Morgan Creek.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Constructed a pole fence on Fox Creek to protect the riparian zone.

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

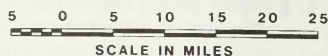
- Issued 1 road right-of-way
- Completed 1 communication site right-of-way.
- Completed 1 right-of-way reservation for remote automated weather station
- Resolved 9 occupancy trespasses.
- Resolved 1 right-of-way trespass.

Minerals Management

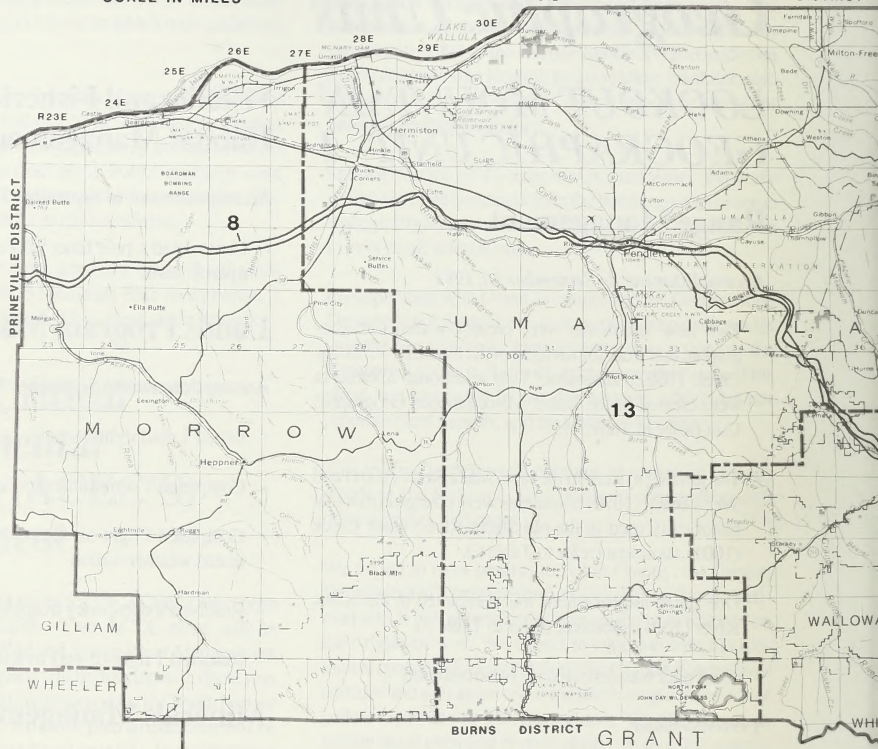
- At the end of FY 91, 16 notices, (disturbance of 5 acres or less under the U.S. mining laws,) remain open and are currently filed at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reviewed 13 notices.
- Closed 31 cases.
- Completed 108 compliance inspections.



WASHINGTON



LEGEND

- 1 Lookout Mountain
- 2 Burnt River
- 3 Keating Riparian
- 4 Pedro Mountain
- 5 Grande Ronde River
- 6 Homestead
- 7 Pritchard Creek
- 8 Oregon Trail
- 9 Unity Reservoir
- 10 Sheep Mountain
- 11 Hunt Mountain
- 12 Powder River Canyon
- 13 Blue Mountain
- 14 Baker County



Soil, Water and Air Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 0.25 miles of erosion control on Chimney Creek.
- Completed 2 gabion instream structures on Fox Creek.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Inventoried 4,000 acres in preparation for developing a forest management plan.
- Issued 86 firewood permits for 347 cords.
- Developed plans to burn old logging slash on 290 acres.

1992 Workload

- Begin planning for a timber sale intended to improve wildlife habitat.

Fire Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 385 acres of fuel mapping.

Cultural Resources Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- 200 acres were inventoried to document upland prehistoric use patterns.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued 6 big game outfitter permits for bear, deer and elk.
- Constructed and maintained new restroom at Swede's Landing.

- Completed installation of buck and pole fencing and reconstruction of rest room facilities at the Bassar Diggins Site. Also included annual site maintenance.

1992 Workload

- Continue issuing big game outfitter permits.
- Maintain Bassar Diggins and Swedes Landing recreation sites.

Noxious Weed Management

1992 Workload

- Spot treatment of small patches of knapweed and puncture vine is planned for this coming summer.

BURNT RIVER GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 2

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- The grazing system of the Cave Creek (1003) allotment was changed (refer to Table 2).
- Four range improvements were completed (refer to Table 3).
- Two formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).
- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).

1992 Workload

- One formal allotment evaluation is scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Resolved 3 occupancy trespasses.

Riparian Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Planted 2,000 shrubs and trees in Dark Canyon.
- Completed 1.5 miles of willow plantings, 4.0 acres of aspen plantings and 0.23 miles of grass/forb/browse seedings on Dark Canyon and Deer Creek.
- Constructed the Burnt River Fence on the south side of the Burnt River Canyon to protect the riparian zone (refer to Table 3).

1992 Workload

- Construct 1.5 miles on the south side of the Burnt River to protect riparian zone.

Minerals Management

- At the end of FY 91, 33 notices, disturbance of 5 acres or less under the U.S. mining laws, remain open and are currently filed at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reviewed 19 notices.
- Closed 49 cases.
- Completed 156 compliance inspections.

Soil, Water and Air Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Constructed 11 instream structures (gabions) on 0.75 miles of Dark Canyon.
- Constructed 36 instream structures (log dams) on 2.5 miles of Sutton Creek.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Sold 20,000 pounds of juniper boughs.

Cultural Resources Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- 300 acres were inventoried to document an obsidian procurement locality.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued 3 big game outfitters permit for deer and elk.

1992 Workload

- Continue issuing big game outfitter permits.

Noxious Weed Control

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed mechanical control for Leafy Spurge on 25 acres.

1992 Workload

- This spot control effort is expected to continue. In addition, spot treatment of small knapweed patches is planned for this coming year.

KEATING GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 3

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- One new allotment was created from the division of the Goose Creek (2032) allotment (refer to Table 1).
- Two formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).
- Three Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) were revised (refer to Table 7).

1992 Workload

- Six allotments are scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).
- One formal allotment evaluation is scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued one right-of-way for an irrigation ditch.
- Resolved 2 occupancy trespasses.

1992 Workload

- Resolve 3 agricultural and 1 occupancy trespass.
- Process 1 agricultural lease.
- Work on 1 exchange involving approximately 780 acres in this unit.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Prepared and coordinated Crystal Palace CRMP on the Keating deer winter range. Began project implementation which included fertilization, shrub plantings, fence construction, plowing.

1992 Workload

- Seed 125 acres with a mixture of grasses, forbs and shrubs in Crystal Palace CRMP area.
- Plant 11,000 shrub seedlings in upland habitat in Crystal Palace CRMP area.
- Develop CRMP for next priority area on the Keating deer winter range.

Minerals Management

- At the end of FY 91, 1 notice, (disturbance of 5 acres or

less under the U.S. mining laws), remains open and is currently on file at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Closed 3 cases.
- Completed 8 compliance inspections.

Cultural Resources Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- 900 Acres were inventoried in support of land exchange proposals and habitat improvement.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

- The legal descriptions of the withdrawals from mineral entry under the mining laws prescribed for the Keating Unit by the Baker Resource Management Plan can be found on page 68 of the Record of Decision. However, due to the irregular shape of the sections involved, as surveyed on the ground, the legal descriptions probably do not cover all of the riparian zones as intended. Therefore, the withdrawals have been redescribed using metes and bounds descriptions which are shown in Table 9. The total acres to be withdrawn, approximately 184, will be approximately 1 acre less than the amount described in the Record of Decision.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed an inventory of the Keating Riparian ACEC.

1992 Workload

- Completion of the final ACEC management plan.

Noxious Weed Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed mechanical control of yellow starthistle on 100 acres in 1990. A biological control project was scheduled for 1991, but was not completed, due to climatic factors.

1992 Workload

- This biological control project is scheduled to be completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

PEDRO MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 4

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- The grazing system on the pastures in the Rye Valley (1037) was changed from spring use one year followed by fall use the next year to two years of spring grazing followed by two years of fall grazing (refer to Table 2).
- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).
- One new allotment was created from division of the Rye Valley Allotment (1037) (refer to Table 1).

1992 Workload

- One formal allotment evaluation is scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed one right-of-way for a road.
- Resolved 20 occupancy trespasses.

1992 Workload

- Resolve 3 occupancy trespasses.

Minerals Management

Program Note: At the end of FY 91, 44 notices, disturbance of 5 acres or less under the U.S. mining laws, remain open and are currently filed at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reviewed 25 notices.
- Closed 52 cases.
- Completed 179 compliance inspections.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Burned 45 acres to prepare site for reforestation.

1992 Workload

- 100 Acres of reforestation in old timber sale units.
- Salvage of approximately 60 Mbf of burned timber.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued 3 big game outfitter permits for elk and deer.

1992 Workload

- Continue issuance of big game outfitter permits.

Noxious Weed Management

1992 Workload

- Spot treatment of small patches of knapweed and puncture vine is scheduled to be done this coming summer.

GRANDE RONDE GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 5

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Began work to acquire 2,132 acres of private land along the Grande Ronde/Snake River to protect wildlife and

cultural resources and provide for increased recreation opportunities in Asotin County.

- Began work to acquire by land exchange 488 acres of private land along the Grande Ronde River to provide increased recreation opportunities, protect scenic values and increase management effectiveness in Wallowa County.
- Resolved 1 agricultural trespass.

1992 Workload

- Issue 1 electric transmission line right-of-way.
- Resolve 2 rights-of-way trespasses.
- Complete Grande Ronde/Snake River land acquisitions.
- Complete Grande Ronde River land exchange.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Resolved a trespass involving 126 Mbf of timber canceled the investigation of another suspected trespass of similar magnitude, because the statute of limitations had passed.
- Inventoried 2,400 acres.

Cultural Resources Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed preliminary reconnaissance of 487 acres on the Grande Ronde River.
- Inventoried 270 acres in support of land exchange proposals.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued and administered 61 commercial river permits.

- Established 2 Ad Hoc Teams for development of a recreation management plan for the Grande Ronde River.
- Conducted 16 public scoping meetings for Grande Ronde River Management Plan.
- Completed a Resource Assessment for the Grande Ronde River.
- Completed 5 seasons of operational management utilizing seasonal employees.
- Completed preliminary resource and campsite inventories for planning purposes.
- Established photo index for recreation monitoring of the river corridor.
- Maintained 224 primitive campsites plus 4 river access areas.

1992 Workload

- Continue issuing commercial permits.
- Complete final management plan.
- Continue river ranger program.
- Continue maintenance of 224 campsites and 4 staging areas.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Conducted an inventory of the Grande Ronde River ACEC.
- Conducted inventory of Joseph Creek ACEC.

1992 Work

- Incorporation of the ACEC management needs into the Wild and Scenic River Management Plan.
- Will complete a management plan for Joseph Creek ACEC.

Noxious Weed Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- A biological control project of knapweed was completed on BLM lands along the Grande Ronde River in Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Asotin County (Washington) Noxious Weed Board in 1990. Another project was proposed in Wallowa County, Oregon for 1991, but was not completed due to climatic factors.

1992 Workload

- This biological control project is scheduled to be completed in cooperation with Oregon Department of Agriculture.

HOMESTEAD GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 6

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 1 pipeline right-of-way amendment.
- Resolved 2 occupancy trespasses.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed Wilderness Study Area Interim Management, Monitoring, and Plan report.
- Completed Wilderness Study Area Reports to Congress.
- Maintained 4 campsites.
- Issued 3 big game outfitter permits for elk, deer and bear.

1992 Workload

- Continue WSA monitoring.

- Continue issuing big game outfitter permits.

- Maintain 4 campsites.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed a draft Homestead ACEC management plan.

1992 Workload

- Completion of the final Homestead ACEC management plan.

PRITCHARD GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 7

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Two range improvements were completed in the Pritchard Creek (2074) allotment (refer to Table 3).

Riparian Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 1.5 miles of willow planting on Pritchard Creek.

OREGON TRAIL GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 8

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Acquired 58.7 acres of private land and an easement on 3.8 acres of private land in support of National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

- Granted 2 rights-of-way for electric transmission lines.
- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass.

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued 2 year cancellation notice for the grazing lease on Echo Meadows Oregon Trail site.

Minerals Management

- At the end of FY 91, 2 notices, disturbance of 5 acres or less under the U.S. mining laws, and 1 plan of operation remain open and are currently filed at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reviewed 1 notice and assessed and authorized 1 plan of operation.
- Closed 1 case.
- Completed 8 compliance inspections.
- Completed 2 mineral potential reports

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Maintained 2 recreation areas (Flagstaff and Echo Meadows).
- Completed a photo index for recreation monitoring on Echo Meadows.
- Completed preliminary site plan for Echo Meadows.

1992 Workload

- Maintain two recreation sites.
- Complete final site plan for Echo Meadows.

Cultural Resource Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed annual monitoring of 5 Oregon Trail sites.
- Completed mineral reports for 3 Oregon Trail withdrawals. In cooperation with DOGAMI and others, an Oregon Trail Auto Tour brochure was developed.
- Oregon Trail posts were placed on the visible ruts and route of the Trail through Baker County on BLM land.
- A plan for interpretation of the Echo Meadows Oregon Trail ACEC was developed.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Complex

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Well successfully drilled (85-100 gallons per minute).
- Route 86 alteration completed by Oregon Department of Transportation.
- Partial rehabilitation of the mine haul road and other intrusions.
- Completed acquisition of 58.7 acres (refer to Lands section above).
- Mining easements and agreements signed.
- Trail Tenders, Inc. (volunteer support group) organized.
- Oregon Trail Preservation Trust (OTPT) incorporated.
- Mine buildings and artifacts acquired by Baker County.
- Marketing plan completed by McPhail & Associates
- Marketing implemented: OTPT/Baker County secured \$42,000 grant from the Fred Meyer Foundation.
- BLM Project Manager hired.
- BLM Project Office opened in Baker City in August 1989.

- Architectural/Engineering contract awarded to the POR-TICO group, Seattle, Washington.
- Data recovery field work completed for Flagstaff Hill.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed the Oregon Trail ACEC Management Plan.

UNITY GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 9

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed the draft Unity Reservoir Bald Eagle Nest Habitat ACEC management plan.

1992 Workload

- Completion of the final Unity Reservoir Bald Eagle Nest Habitat ACEC management plan.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT-10

Wildlife Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed a bighorn sheep transplant near Sheep Mountain.

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass.

1992 Workload

- Resolve 1 occupancy trespass.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Conducted interim management monitoring on the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Study Area.
- Completed wilderness study reports for Sheep Mountain Wilderness Study Area.
- Issued 3 big game outfitter permits for elk, deer and bear.

1992 Workload

- Continue IMP on the WSA.
- Continue issuing big game outfitter permits.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed the draft Sheep Mountain ACEC management plan.

1992 Workload

- Completion of the final Sheep Mountain ACEC management plan.

HUNT MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT-11

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Granted 1 road right-of-way.
- Resolved 1 right-of-way trespass.

1992 Workload

- Resolve 1 occupancy trespass.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed the draft Hunt Mountain ACEC management plan.

1992 Workload

- Completion of the final Hunt Mountain ACEC management plan.

POWDER RIVER GEOGRAPHIC UNIT-12

Lands Program Management

1992 Workload

- Resolve 1 occupancy trespass.

Riparian Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 0.5 miles of willow plantings on Big Creek.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Updated the draft Powder River Canyon Habitat Management Plan.

Cultural Resources Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- 500 acres in the Powder River ACEC/Wild and Scenic River were inventoried.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Held public scoping meetings for Powder River Wild and Scenic River Management Plan.
- Completed a Resource Assessment for the Powder River Management Plan.
- Completed a photo index for recreation monitoring.
- Completed preliminary draft management plan.
- Maintained two recreation sites.

1992 Workload

- Complete management plan for Powder River.
- Continue maintenance of two recreation sites.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

1992 Workload

- Incorporate ACEC management needs into the Powder River Wild and Scenic River Management plan for lands that overlap.

BLUE MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT-13

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reintroduced 33 Columbian sharp-tailed grouse to Wallowa County to establish self-sustaining population.

1992 Workload

- Second year of 3 year effort to reintroduce Columbian sharp-tailed grouse to Wallowa County.
- Inventory 25 miles of anadromous fish habitat.

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Acquired 64.7 acres of land on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River to facilitate resource protection and management within the proposed South Fork of the Walla Walla River ACEC.
- Acquired 2 road easements to provide administrative access to 200 acres of public land in the Juniper Canyon area.
- Began work on a land exchange to acquire 640 acres on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River to facilitate resource protection and management within the proposed South Fork of the Walla Walla River ACEC.
- Issued 1 agriculture permit.
- Issued 4 road rights of way.
- Issued 1 water storage right-of-way.
- Issued 2 powerline right of way.
- Issued 1 telephone line right-of-way amendment.

- Resolved 4 agriculture trespasses.
- Resolved 2 stockpile trespasses.
- Resolved 5 rights of way trespasses.
- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass.
- Began 4 road easements to provide administrative access to 200 acres of BLM lands in support of the forestry program.

1992 Workload

- Complete acquisition of 4 road easements in support of the forestry program.
- Continue work on South Fork of the Walla Walla River land exchange.
- Begin work on a land exchange to facilitate resource protection and management along the Wallowa River in Wallowa and Union Counties.
- Issue 1 agriculture permit.
- Process 1 Color-of-Title case.
- Process 1 R&PP patent transfer of title/change of use.
- Resolve 3 agriculture trespasses.
- Resolve 1 occupancy trespass.

Minerals Management

- At the end of FY 91, there were no cases open.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Closed 1 case.
- Completed 1 compliance inspection.
- Reviewed 6 quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sales for correct protective stipulations.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Sold one timber sale contract for 761 Mbf.
- Issued 20 firewood permits for 75 cords.
- Precommercially thinned 55 acres.
- Piled thinning slash on 80 acres.

1992 Workload

- Burn slash piles on 80 acres and underburn 80 acres.
- Reforest 37 acres in an old timber sale unit.
- Offer 2,000 Mbf of timber for sale.

Fire Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 855 acres of fuel mapping and 425 acres of fire history research.

Cultural Resource Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed inventory of 42 acres in support of project proposals and land use actions.
- A preliminary reconnaissance of 40 acres for Cultural Resources on the South Fork Walla Walla River was completed.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- All public lands on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to designated roads and trails. This limited vehicle closure is in effect year-long. This designation has been in effect since 1980.

- Closed South Fork of the Walla Walla River to street legal vehicles beyond 1st bridge.
- Installed information station, bridge hand rails, and signs.

1992 Workload

- Construct permanent gate/barricade on South Fork of the Walla Walla River road to facilitate use by vehicles other than street legal.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Management

- The resource area is presently in the process of amending the RMP to designate approximately 1,288 acres of public land along the South Fork of the Walla Walla River as an ACEC for riparian, fishery and scenic values.

Noxious Weed Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed a 4,000 acre noxious weed inventory cooperatively with Umatilla County throughout the county, with control work done on several small weed infestations.

1992 Workload

- Another 2,000 acres is scheduled to be inventoried and control work done on Target Species if discovered.

BAKER COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS GEOGRAPHIC UNIT -14

Range Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Livestock management categories for five allotments were changed (refer to Table 8).

- Two new allotments were created within this geographic unit from the division of the Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment. One new allotment was created from division of the Table Mountain (1016) allotment (refer to Table 1).
- One allotment received an increase in grazing preference (refer to Table 1).
- The grazing system in the new Morgan Creek (1068) and Sisley Creek (1069) allotments were changed from the historical grazing systems (refer to Table 2).
- Six range improvements were completed (refer to Table 3).
- Four formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).
- Four Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) were revised (refer to Table 7).
- Accomplished 800 acres of prescribed burn on Jordan Creek.

1992 Workload

- Nine allotments are scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).
- Five formal allotment evaluations are scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Riparian Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 0.25 miles grass/forb/browse seedings and 4 miles of riparian shrub plantings along Sutton Creek.
- Completed 1.0 mile of willow planting on Ruckles Creek enclosure.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Planted 1.5 acres on Iron Mountain Food Plot for upland birds.

- Inventoried 25 miles of stream for fishery habitat.

Lands Program Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Issued 1 stockpile and 1 asphalt plant land use permit.
- Issued 4 road rights-of-way.
- Issued 5 communication site rights-of-way.
- Issued 3 telephone cable rights-of-way.
- Completed 1 right-of-way reservation for a remote automated weather station.
- Resolved 4 stockpile trespasses.
- Resolved 1 agriculture trespass.
- Resolved 10 occupancy trespass.
- Resolved 1 asphalt plant trespass.
- Acquired 2 easements to support recreation improvement at Spring Recreation Site. These easements also provided more effective public access to approximately 1,540 acres of public land.

1992 Workload

- Work on 2 exchanges involving approximately 760 acres in this unit.
- Work on 1 communication site plan.
- Issue 1 water pipeline right-of-way.
- Issue 2 telephone cable rights-of-way.
- Issue 1 electric lines right-of-way.
- Resolve 3 occupancy trespasses.
- Resolve 2 rights-of-way trespasses.
- Resolve 2 agriculture trespasses.

Minerals Management

- At the end of FY 91, 77 notices, disturbance of 5 acres or less under the U.S. mining laws, and 2 plans of operation remain open and are currently filed at the resource area office.

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Reviewed 17 notices.
- Closed 51 cases.
- Completed 287 compliance inspections.
- Completed 1 mineral material sale and 1 free use permit with a mining and reclamation plan.

Soil, Water and Air Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 0.5 miles of erosion control on the Ruckles Creek enclosures.
- Completed 0.5 miles of erosion control on the Iron Mountain enclosure.
- Installed erosion control (hay bales and & logs) devices on 80 acres of Sutton Creek.
- Place woody debris in .50 miles of Sutton Creek.
- Completed 12 acres of contour tree falling along Sutton Creek.

Forest Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Sold four timber sale contracts for 5,654 Mbf.
- Issued 35 firewood permits for 90 cords and permitted removal of 20,365 lineal feet of posts and poles.
- Precommercially thinned 125 acres.
- Planted 55 acres and performed regeneration surveys on 430 acres.

- Protected 55 acres of new conifer plantation with fence construction.
- Constructed approximately 12 miles of fence to protect future reforestation projects of 1,200 acres.

1992 Workload

- Reforest approximately 1,400 acres of the Dooley Mountain wildfire.

Fire Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed 69 acres of fuel mapping and 69 acres of fire history research.

Recreation Management

Accomplishments to September 30, 1991

- Completed planned developments for the Spring Recreation site which included construction of a new access road, 2 parking areas, rest rooms and a boat ramp. Installed floating docks.
- Maintained an additional four recreation sites along the three reservoirs.
- Maintained an additional four recreation sites throughout the unit.
- Issued 3 motorcycle ORV permit, 5 mountain bike race permits, 3 cross country ski permits and 3 4X4 ORV race permits.
- The west fork of Sutton Creek was closed to all vehicles to protect resource values and reduce erosion.
- Completed draft of Snake River Three Reservoirs plan. Held 4 public scoping meetings.
- Completed inventory and draft designation procedures on the Snake River/Mormon Basin Backcountry By-way.

- Continue site maintenance of five recreation sites.
- Complete final Snake River Three Reservoirs plan.
- Complete final Byway designation document.
- Continue issuing recreation use permits.

Noxious Weed Management

1992 Workload

- Spot treatment of small patches of knapweed and puncture vine is planned for this coming summer.

ERRATA SHEET

The following corrections need to be incorporated into the Baker Resource Management Plan Record of Decision document dated July 1989.

1. Page 3 - Footnote number 1: Footnote 1 should be changed to read as follows.

"Baker Resource Area managed portion only. The balance of public land in the Vale District is managed by both the Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas."

2. Page 15 - Support Section: The Washington Department of Wildlife and Washington Department of Fisheries should be added to the agencies with which we will coordinate.

3. Page 57 - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Lookout Mountain Riparian Areas, Condition and Trend (page 56) and Lookout Mountain Fisheries (page 57) tables."

4. Page 61 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Burnt River Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 61) and Burnt River Fisheries (page 62) tables."

5. Page 66 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Keating Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 65) and Keating Fisheries (page 66) tables."

6. Page 71 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Pedro Mountain Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 70) and Pedro Mountain Fisheries (page 71) tables."

7. Page 75 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Maintain fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Grande Ronde Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 75) and Grande Ronde Fisheries (page 76) tables."

8. Page 83 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Pritchard Creek Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 82) and Pritchard Creek Fisheries (page 83) tables."

9. Page 98 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Powder River Canyon Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 99) and Powder River Canyon Fisheries (page 99) tables."

10. Page 106 - WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT section - Management Action subsection: - Replace "Inventory and monitor fisheries habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Inventory and monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the Blue Mountain Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend (page 105) and Blue Mountain Fisheries (page 105) tables."

11. Page 106 - OFF ROAD VEHICLES section: The RMP inadvertently failed to state that the BLM lands on the South Fork of the Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to existing roads and trails. This designation has been in effect since 1980. The following should be inserted between the OFFROAD VEHICLES heading and the Resource Condition Objective subheading.

"BLM lands on the South Fork of the Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to designated roads and trails."

Table 1 - Summary of New Allotments and Changes in Acres/AUMs by Geographic Unit

Graphic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Other Acres	BLM Acres	AUMs	Comments
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River/Sisley Creek	I	2,790	23,037	4,693	Old - Split into 4 allotments
	1001	Snake River	I	2,444	10,953	915	New - Split out of the old Allot. 1001
	1070	Wells Basin	I	0	1,490	370	New - Split out of the old Allot. 1001
Keating	2049	Lower Spring Creek	M	223	1,590	119	New - Split out of the old Allot. 2032
	2032	Goose Creek	M	345	2,296	268	Old - Allot. #2049 was split out
Baker County Misc.	1068	Morgan Mountain	I	73	5,117	938	New - Split out of Allot. 1001
	1069	Sisley Creek	I	387	5,467	832	New - Split out of Allot. 1001
	1016	Table Mountain	I	455	7,568	2,201	Old - Allotment 1071 split out
	1071	Homestead Meadows	C	800	110	11	New - Split out of Allot. 1016
	1002	Iron Mountain	I	157	4,809	876	AUMs increased by 100
	5215	Denny Flat	I	1,160	7,289	421	Public lands in allotment #5216 were added to allotment #5215
	5303	Lindsay Mtn.	I	148	936	137	300 acres of private lands were fenced out of allotment
	2022	Ridley Cr.	C	16	78	10	Allotment canceled Public Lands sold
	2066	Baldock	C	786	39	8	Combined with Allotment 2015
	2015	Magpie Peak	M	905	2,159	488	Allotment 2066 was added to this one
	2097	Dry Creek	C	850	40	6	Name changed from Dry Gulch to Dry Creek
	1037	Rye Valley	I	117	1,429	263	Old - Allotment #1072 split out
	1072	Summit Spring	I	18	1,296	405	New - Split out of Allotment #1037

Table 2 - Summary of Changes in Grazing Systems by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Use Dates	Grazing System
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River/Sisley Creek	I	04/27 to 11/30	Rest Rotation (old)
	1001	Snake River	I	05/01 to 11/07	Deferred Rotation (new)
	1070	Wells Basin	I	Late Summer Only	New
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I		Change from spring/fall rotation grazing to 2 years of spring grazing followed by 2 years of fall grazing
Pedro Mountain	1037	Rye Valley	I		Change from spring/fall rotation grazing to 2 years of spring grazing followed by 2 years of fall grazing
Baker County Misc.	1068	Morgan Mtn.	I	04/27 to 11/23	Rest Rotation (new)
	1069	Sisley Creek	I	04/27 to 11/30	Deferred Rotation (new)
Keating	2024	Table Rock	I	04/16 to 12/19	Deferred Rotation

Table 3 - Summary of Projects Completed in FY1990 and FY1991 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Units	Project Description
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River	I	1 each	Livestock Management Corrals
	1301	South Bridgeport	I	1 each	Spring Development
	1301	South Bridgeport	I	0.2 miles	Buck & Pole riparian enclosure
	1301	South Bridgeport	I	1.5 miles	Burnt River fence
	1302	North Bridgeport	I	2.0 miles	Dark Canyon temporary fence
Pritchard Creek	2074	Pritchard Creek	I	0.3 miles	Buck & Pole riparian enclosure
	2074	Pritchard Creek	I	0.3 miles	Two barbed wire enclosures
Baker County	1069	Sisley Creek	I	800 acres	Prescribed burn
Miscellaneous	1015	East Table Mountain	I	2 each	Two spring developments
	1048	Nodine Creek	I	12 each	Two spring developments
	2077	Ritter Creek	M	2 miles	Widman Fence
	5321	Auburn	C	0.5 miles	Sutton Creek fence
	5321	Auburn	C	1 each	Relocation of existing cattleguard
Keating	2024	Table Rock	I	2 each	New spring development
				2 each	Spring reconstruction
				4.1 miles	Three barbed wire fences

Table 4 - Summary of Allotment Evaluations in FY1990 & FY1992 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Results
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I	Change grazing system (refer to Table 1)
	1302	North Bridgeport	I	Adopted riparian objectives
Keating	2024	Table Rock	I	Initiated a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP)
	2105	Love Individual	M	Granted a temporary grazing preference increase from 317 AUMs to 400 AUMs
Baker County	2020	Crews Creek	M	Changed from the "I" category to the "M" category
Miscellaneous	2035	Waterspout	I	Changed from the "M" category to the "I" category. Also reduced active preference from 605 AUMs to 489 AUMs
	2108	Keating Highway	M	Granted a temporary grazing preference increase from 500 AUMs to 700 AUMs
	2121	East Pleasant Valley	M	No changes were made

Table 5 - Allotment Evaluations to be Completed in FY1992 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Burnt River	1301	South Bridgeport	I
Keating	2048	Upper Clover Creek	I
Pedro Mountain	1318	Mormon Basin	I
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River	I
	1070	Wells Basin	I
Baker County Miscellaneous	3022	Foster Gulch	I
	3018	Road Gulch	I
	5303	Lindsay Mountain	I
	1068	Morgan Mountain	I
	1069	Sisley Creek	I

Table 6 - Allotments Scheduled for Gathering of Field Data in FY1992

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Keating	2023	Upper Pittsburg	M
	2025	Upper Spring Creek	M
	2109	Ruckles Creek	I
	2111	Bacher Creek	M
	2115	Tucker Creek	I
	2129	Chalk Bluff	M
Burnt River	1004	Durkeel	
Baker County Miscellaneous	1002	Iron Mountain	I
	1039	Turner Gulch	M
	1044	Juniper Mountain	M
	3001	Pine Valley	I
	3002	Imigrant Gulch	M
	3003	Ruth Gulch	M
	3012	Squaw Creek	I
	3014	Timber Canyon	I
	5201	Brannon Gulch	I

Table 7 - Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) Revised in FY1989 and FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I
Keating	2024	Table Rock	I
	2032	Goose Creek	M
	2036	Table Mountain	M
Pedro Mountain	1037	Rye Valley	I
Baker County Miscellaneous	1015	East Table Mountain	I
	2035	Waterspout	I
	2077	Ritter Creek	M
	2121	East Pleasant Valley	M

Table 8 - Allotment Categorization Changes in FY1989 and FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	
			From	To
Baker County Miscellaneous	2020	Crews Creek	I	M
	2035	Water Spout	M	I
	2099	Virtue Hills	I	M
	2108	Keating Highway	I	M
	1009	Slaughter House Mountain	I	M

Table 9 - Keating Riparian RNA/ACEC Withdrawal Description

Balm Creek - 74 acres

That portion of:

T.7S.,R.43E., WM	T.8S.,R.,43E., WM.
Section 31: SE ¹ / ₄	Section 6: Lots 1 & 2
	S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ ;SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ ;NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ;
	N ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ; NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄

lying within 250 feet of the center of Balm Creek, containing 74 acres, more or less.

Sawmill Creek - 82 acres

That portion of:

T.8S.,R.43E., WM.
Section 1: N¹/₂SW¹/₄;

lying within 500 feet of the center of Sawmill Creek, containing 39 acres, more or less.

That portion of:

T.8S.,R.43E., WM.	
Section 1:	W ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ ;
	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ ;
Section 12:	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ ;
	N ¹ / ₂ S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄

lying within 250 feet of the center of Sawmill Creek and Rattlesnake Creek, containing 43 acres, more or less.

Clover Creek - 28 acres

That portion of:

T.7S.,R.42E., WM.	
Section 25:	W ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ ;

lying within 250 feet of the center of Clover Creek, containing 28 acres, more or less.

Table 10 - Baker Resource Area Environmental Assessment Register for FY1992

Area Register Number	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	Est. EA Completion Date	Est. FONSI Decision Date
1	4-Corner Well Pipeline - South Extension	Construct 2 miles of pipeline including storage tank and 2 troughs	T.8 & 9S., R.41E., Sec.33 & 4 Baker Co.	None	Spring, 1991	Spring, 1991
2	North Flagstaff Allotment Division	Construct 2 miles of 4 wire, steel post fence Fence	T.9S.,R.41E., Sec. 3-5	None Baker Co.	Spring, 1991	Spring, 1991
3	Table Rock Allotment Division Fence	Relocate 2 miles of pasture fence to accommodate CRMP proposals	T.3S.,R.44E., Sec. 29 & 32 Baker Co.	CRMP Area	Spring, 1991	Spring, 1991
4	Hibbard Creek Cross Fence	Construct 1.5 miles of 4 wire, steel post lay down fence	T.12S.,R.45E Sec. 6 Baker Co.	None	Spring, 1992	Spring 1992
5	Crystal Palace	Construct 4 miles of fence, plow 125 acres	T.8S.,R.44E.	CRMP Area	Spring, 1991	Spring, 1991
6	Byrne Land Exchange	Land Exchange	T.8S.,R.42E. Sec 34 & 35; T.9S.,R.42E., Sec 1, 12, 24; T.9S.,R.44E, Sec 4; 5, 9, 15 Baker Co.	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
7	Eagle Telephone Line Right-of-Way	Buried Telephone Cable	T.9S.,R.45E. Sec 31; T.9S.,R.44E. Sec 36; T.11S.,R.44E. Sec 1 Baker Co.	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
8	Cold Spring Ranch Land Use Permit	Agricultural Permit	T.11S.,R.46E. Sec 13 Umatilla Co.	None	Fall, 1991	Fall, 1991
9	Grand Ronde River Land Exchange	Land Exchange	T.6N.,R.43E. T.5N.,R.42E. Wallowa Co.	Wild & Scenic	May, 1992	June, 1992
10	South Fork Walla River Land Exchange	Land Exchange	T.4N.,R.37E. Sec. 12 & 13; T.4N.,R.38E. Sec 7 Umatilla Co.	ACEC	August, 1992	October, 1992
11	Ruckles Creek #3 Emclosure	Instream structure	T.9S.,R.42E. Sec 5 Baker Co.	None	March, 1991	April, 1991
12	Bull-dozer Water Spout Watershed Area Plan	Instream structure	T.8S.,R.42E. Sec 34; T.9S.,R.42E. Sec 3 Baker Co.	None	March, 1991	April, 1991

Area Register Number	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	Est. EA Completion Date	Est. FONSI Decision Date
13	Grande Ronde River Management Plan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon and SE Washington Wallowa & Asotin Co.	Wild & Scenic	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscal Year 1992
14	Powder River Management Plan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon Baker Co.	Wild & Scenic River	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscal Year 1992
15	Snake River Reservoir Plan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon Baker Co.	Wild & Scenic River	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscal Year 1992
16	Echo Meadows Oregon Trail Interpretive Site	Construction of Interpretive wayside at Echo Meadows	T.3N.,R.28E. Sec. 22 Umatilla Co.	Oregon Trail ACEC	July, 1992	August, 1992
17	Estes Plan of Operation	Mining & Reclamation Plan	T.9S.,R.39E. Sec. 23 Baker Co.	None	January, 1991	April, 1991
18	Bokides Spring & Enclosure	1 spring development and Buck and Pole Fence	T.15S.,R.44E. Sec.2 Malheur	None	Spring, 1992	Spring, 1992
19	Benson Creek Fence	2.5 Miles Cross Fence	T.14S.,R.44E., Sec. 35 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Spring 1992
20	Slaughterhouse Spring	1 Spring Development	T.14S.,R.45E., Sec. 21 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	spring, 1992
21	Fox-Hibbard Fence	Construct 2 miles of laydown fence	T.11.,R.45E., Sec. 31 Baker	None	Fall, 1992	Fall, 1992
22	Chicken Creek Spring	1 Spring Development	T.15S.,R.44E., Sec. 3 Malheur	None	Spring, 1992	spring, 1992
23	Spirit Hill Fence Construct	1.5 miles of 4 wire, steel post fence	T.13S.,R.42E. Sec. 19 Malheur	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
24	Tule Bog Fence	Fence Spring source and overflow	T.12S.,R.41E. Sec. 21 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
25	Dark Canyon CG	Relocated catguard	T.12S.,R.41E. Sec. 9 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
26	Boundary Spring	Construct one spring	T.10S.,R.45E. Sec. 12 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
27	Table Rock CG	Install 4 cattleguards	T.8S.,R.43&44E. Baker	CRMP Area	Summer, 1992	Summer, 1992

Area Register Number	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	Est. EA Completion Date	Est. FONSI Decision Date
28	Coredrill Spring	Construct one spring	T.7S.,R.43E., Sec. 32 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Spring, 1992
29	Bog Spring	Construct one spring	T.8S.,R.43E. Sec. 5 Baker	None	Spring, 1992	Spring, 1992
30	Crystal Palace Spring	Construct one spring	T.8S.,R.44E., Sec. 30 Baker	CRMP Area	Spring 1992	Spring, 1992
31	Saddle Spring	Construct one spring	T.8S.,R.44E., Sec. 32	CRMP Area	Spring, 1992	Spring, 1992
32	Burroughs Exchange	Land Exchange	T.8S.,R.43E., Sec. 29,30 T.9S.,R.42E., Sec. 35 T.10S.,R.42E., Sec. 2,3,11,12 Baker County	None	Winter, 1992	Spring, 1992
33	Jacobs Lease Application	Agriculture Lease	T.8S.,R.42E., Sec. 24 T.8S.,R.43E., Sec. 7,18,19 Baker County	None	spring, 1992	Summer, 1992
34	Clearwater Power R/W	Electric Lines	T.5N.,R.43E., Sec.9,10,15,18,19 T.6N.,R.43E., Sec. 12,13,23,35 T.6N.,R.44E., Sec. 12 Wallowa, Asotin Counties	Wild & Scenic	Summer, 1992	Summer, 1992
35	US West R/W	Buried Phone Line	T.10S.,R.44E., Sec. 20,29,31 Baker County	None	Summer, 1992	Summer, 1992
36	Stanciu R/W	Water Pipeline	T.9S.,R.45E., Sec. 19 Baker County	None	Summer, 1992	Summer, 1992
37	Grande Ronde/Snake River Land Acquisition and Exchange	Land Acquisition and Exchange	Portions of T.6N.,R.47E. T.7N.,R.47E.	ACEC	March, 1992	April, 1992

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